

Vancouver. Upon her arrival, she promptly: (1) bought an umbrella, (2) gained admission to the B.C. Bar, and (3) accepted a teaching position as a full time faculty member at the U.B.C. Faculty of Law. At U.B.C. she taught in the Clinical program and the first year Criminal Law and Procedure course. She coached the U.B.C. Western Canada Moot team in two successive victories.

Throughout her career Judge Martinson's public service included working with the Legal Services Society of B.C., the Elizabeth Fry Society, the Calgary Rape Crisis Centre, the Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter, the John Howard Society, the Canadian Bar Association and the Western Judicial Education Centre.

Judge Martinson will be presiding in Burnaby, New Westminster and other "eastern" suburbs. She will be sitting in all divisions of the court: criminal, small claims and family. She has tremendous enthusiasm and an enormous capacity for hard work.

All her friends, colleagues and ex-students wish her well.



The Honourable Madam
Justice Mary Newbury

Madam Justice Mary Victoria Newbury practised principally as a corporate commercial lawyer. However, she was best known as a "lawyers' lawyer". At both her former firm, Ladner Downs, and her last firm, Fraser & Beatty, her partners looked to her when they were confronted with legal problems of exceptional difficulty. Her vast legal knowledge, her superb analytical skills and her ability to reach a conclusion speedily were renowned. One of this writer's many fond memories of her is the occasion during her early years as an associate when he was acting in a transaction in another city and was confronted with a conflicts of laws problem involving the laws of four different jurisdictions. He telephoned Mary Newbury with some trepidation it being the late afternoon of a pleasant summer Friday. Mary Newbury responded enthusiastically stating that there was nothing that she enjoyed more than a challenging conflicts of laws problem. She had the problem resolved by the following day.

Born in Calgary, Mary Newbury grew up in various cities of British Columbia, attended the University of British Columbia where she obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree (Honours English) in 1971 and her Bachelor of Laws degree in 1974. She then obtained her Master of Laws degree at Harvard University in 1975. Mary Newbury had an outstanding academic career, received many scholarships, ranked near the top of her class throughout law school and was granted her Masters degree summa cum laude by Harvard.

Mary Newbury articulated at Ladner Downs and became the first woman associate of that firm upon her call to the Bar in 1976. She practised with Ladner Downs for eight years becoming the first woman partner of that firm. In 1984 she became a partner of the firm of Mawhinney & Kellough (as it then was) and continued as a partner of Fraser & Beatty after the merger of Mawhinney & Kellough and Fraser & Beatty in 1990 until her

appointment to the Bench. She was also called to the Alberta Bar in 1986.

Mary Newbury has always had a great sense of commitment to the legal profession. She participated in and wrote papers for innumerable CLEs. She served as head of course for company law in the PLTC and the preceding student program for a number of years. In 1983 she was appointed to the British Columbia Law Reform Commission and served on that Commission until her appointment to the Bench. For many years she served as a director of the Court House Library Society and was Chairman of that Society for a three year period. Most recently she has been an active member of the Competency Committee of the Law Society.

While Mary Newbury will be very much missed by her colleagues in the profession those who know her well are confident that she will make a great contribution to the law as a Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.



The Honourable Mr. Justice
Peter Lowry

Peter Donovan Lowry was born in Toronto in 1944. He took advantage of both the elementary and high school curriculum afforded by the province of Ontario and then enrolled at Waterloo from which he graduated with a B.A. in Economics. He was actually awarded the Bronze Medal. When questioned about this he assured us that that was the only medal awarded. No Gold, no Silver, just Bronze. As proof, he wears it as a fob on his watch chain. Tiring of economics he enrolled at Osgood Hall, graduating in 1970 with an L.L.B.

He came out West and articulated to Denis Creighton at Campney & Murphy. He assigned his articles to the old firm, now sadly no longer in existence, of MacRae, Montgomery, MacRae, Cunningham & Hill, apparently attracted to it by its Maritime practice. He spent the first eight years of his professional life at the Boat Bar with that firm. He was the unheralded leader in the early challenges of the ship source oil pollution prosecutions brought under the new Canadian legislation which followed the Torrey Canyon and Arrow disasters in the Atlantic in the early 1960's and in pollution defence work and struggling with the Crown when it attempted to charge ships for clean up costs of oil spills. The largest of these was the *Irish Stardust* which distributed much of its load of fuel about the inside passage when it hit Haddington Island one night.

Like all those who practise Maritime law he expresses the view, to all who will listen, that it is a rarified specialty whose intricacies can only be navigated by those who have practised it long and hard. One of his partners at Campney & Murphy, tiring of this constantly expressed theme, finally informed him that once you catch on to the action in rem and can understand the principles of a ship's mortgage, Maritime law is really nothing more than motor vehicle accidents at sea. It is not actually known if Lowry, J. ever spoke to this partner again, except on matters of purely professional and firm consequence.